

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

**Historic Preservation Council
April 3, 2013
One Constitution Plaza 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Nelson, Ms. Cutler, Dr. Faber, Mr. Faude, Ms. Gilvarg (arrived at 9:51am), Dr. Harris, Ms. Maher, Ms. Williams

STAFF: Kip Bergstrom, Susan Chandler, Julie Carmelich, Mary Dunne, Dan Forrest, Laura Mancuso, Todd Levine, Stacey Vairo

ABSENT: Dr. Bellantoni, Ms. Kane, Dr. Robbins, Dr. Woodward

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson at 9:37 am.

2. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Chairman Nelson the public comment procedures.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Nelson read the code of conduct and ethics statement.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6, 2013 Historic Preservation Council meeting will be made available and presented for approval at the May 1, 2013 meeting.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES – No report. The OPOS study committee will convene in the next month.

8. PROGRAMS REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

Laura Mancuso reviewed the new guidelines for the Survey and Planning Grants which will launch in FY14. The new grant guidelines treat Historic Resource Survey grants separately from Planning and Pre-Development grants. Council members identified questions regarding consistency of language and identification of bid requirements. The questions/suggestions identified by Council members will be addressed and incorporated into the final guidelines.

6. NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER

Todd Levine leaves the room

- A. State Register Nomination Council votes to list the Connecticut's Agricultural Heritage Multiple Property Documentation Form, 10 Sites (as shown below), on the State Register of Historic Places.**

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Gilvarg.

The Historic Preservation Council votes to list the Connecticut's Agricultural Heritage Multiple Property Documentation Form, 10 Sites (as shown below), on the State Register of Historic Places.

- 1. Elm Springs Farm, 644 Rimmon Hill Road, Beacon Falls**
- 2. The Hunt Farmstead/Leavenworth Tree Farm and Barn, 749 Coleman Road, Cheshire**
- 3. The Gorham Farmstead/Delany Barn, 5 Gorham Road, Chester**
- 4. The Morris Farmstead, 133 Berkshire Road (Route 34), Newtown**
- 5. The Blackman Farmstead, 12-16 Blackman Road, Newtown**
- 6. Edgehill Farm, 102 North Street (Route 199), Roxbury**
- 7. The Botsford-Minor Farmstead Barn, 88 Old Roxbury Road, Roxbury**
- 8. The Glover Farmstead/Larson Farm, 27 Wakelee Road, Roxbury**
- 9. The Minor Farmstead, 136 Sycamore Avenue, (Route 317), Woodbury**
- 10. The Mitchell Farmstead/Woodbury Sugar Shed, 41 Washington Road (Route 47), Woodbury**

(Y-7; N-0, Chair abstained)

Todd Levine returns to the room.

7. HISTORIC DISTRICTS/PROPERTIES - no business.

9. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

D. Survey and Planning Grants

1. CT Trust for Historic Preservation

Todd Levine and Dan Forest leave the room

Motion by Mr. Faude, seconded by Ms. Maher:

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the grant award listed below and funded by the Community Investment Act administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. All state and federal requirements shall be met by the applicant upon receipt of a grant.

**CT Trust for Historic Preservation
Vibrant Communities Initiative
Two-Year Grant
\$550,000.00**

(Y-7; N-0, Chair abstained)

2. CT Trust for Historic Preservation

Motion by Dr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Maher:

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the grant award listed below and funded by the Community Investment Act administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. All state and federal requirements shall be met by the applicant upon receipt of a grant.

**CT Trust for Historic Preservation
Gilbert and Bennett Planning Study
One-Year Grant
\$55,000.00**

(Y-7; N-0; Chair abstained)

Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman, and Chris Lynch, Georgetown Land Development, spoke in favor of the resolution as did Jane Philbrick.

E. Basic Operational Support Grant

1. Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Program

Motion by Dr. Faber, seconded by Ms. Cutler:

The Historic Preservation Council votes to recommend the grant award listed below and funded by the Community Investment Act administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. All state and federal requirements shall be met by the applicant upon receipt of a grant.

**Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Program, Inc.
Basic Operating Support Grant
Two-Year Grant
\$130,550.00**

(Y-7; N-0; Chair abstained)

Wes Haynes, Historic Preservation Program, Inc., spoke in favor of the resolution.

10. REPORT ON THREATENED PROPERTIES - no report

11. PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS – no business

12. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVES – no business

13. REPORT ON MUSEUM PROPERTIES – Karin Peterson

Please refer to Report on Museums, submitted by Karin Peterson, Museum Director.

14. REPORT ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Deputy Commissioner Bergstrom reported that the lighting at New Gate has been completed and the results are wonderful. The Governor, legislators, and the Council will be invited to tour the property in June.

DC Bergstrom also reported that the bill to improve the usage of the historic preservation tax credits made it out of the Commerce committee and is now at the Finance committee with no income threshold. The tax credit use is expanded to non profits. The one detail that was changed is that the tax credits can still only be used by ‘C’ Corps. and against the State income tax – as was hoped.

DC Bergstrom encouraged council members to attend the April 19th conference *Mills and Their Villages*, sponsored by Connecticut Preservation Action. The conference will be held at the Manchester History Center.

SHPO staff reported that Connecticut will receive approximately \$8,000,000 of Historic Preservation Fund assistance through the Hurricane Sandy Supplemental appropriation. These dollars will need to be obligated in 12 months and can be used for hurricane damage to historic structures/landscapes in Fairfield, New Haven and New London counties. The historic structure/landscape does not need to be listed on the State or National Register – SHPO staff will be able to make the determination if the property is eligible. SHPO will develop an application for these funds in the coming weeks.

15. GENERAL DISCUSSION

16. LIAISON WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES (FOR THOSE PRESENT)

17. OLD BUSINESS - no business

18. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Nelson reported that the discussion regarding the mission statement will be postponed to May meeting. She encouraged all Council members to review the State Statute and State Plan of Conservation which will be found in the drop box sub-directory “00-Resource Material”.

Dr. Harris reported that she has spoken to various Caribbean community organizations regarding the Our Places, Our Stories program.

19. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, and moved. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at **11:27 am.**

Next Council Meeting

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2013, One Constitution Plaza, Main Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant